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Talkgroup Naming Conventions

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Policies

- (a) Agencies shall create pooled talkgroups for use in tactical or other operational activities. These talkgroups can be returned to the pool of available talkgroups at the completion of a particular assignment.

1) Background

Historically, in standalone smart net systems, talkgroups have been created for use on specific operational details. Depending upon the function or purpose these special talkgroups may otherwise go unused for long periods of time. For example, police and fire services typically create talkgroups for the county fair, traffic control, parades or other activity. As such, talkgroups were commonly named for that specific activity, and by definition, may only be used once or twice during a calendar year. Until the advent of statewide, or large regional systems, where talkgroups are a shared and a limited resource, naming convention and talkgroup re-use was not a critical consideration. Project Hoosier SAFE-T is a statewide system where available resources must be shared, thus a change in philosophy for naming and use of those talkgroups. All fleetmap planning must consider these resource issues and the efficient re-use of talkgroups.

Talkgroups required for police, fire or EMS dispatching functions should always be unique talkgroup. For example, XX_Police Dispatch; XX_Fire Dispatch; XX_EMS Dispatch; XX_Med Channel, etc.

Talkgroups that may be used as tactical or on scene talkgroups should be pooled and named accordingly as operational.

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2) Constraints:

- (a) The Project Hoosier SAFE-T system has 4000 talkgroup ID's for assignment throughout the four Zones. Both analog and digital talkgroups are supported.

3) Recommendations:

- (a) Establish guidelines for more efficient use of talkgroups. Provide a standard template for naming and use of local area pooled talkgroups.

4) Procedure:

- (a) During fleetmapping, agencies shall define dispatch talkgroups and other commonly used talkgroups. For on scene talkgroups, it is recommended.

5) Management

- (a) Department or Agency Administrators and Systems Managers who have Smart Zone Terminals are responsible for managing the various user/subscriber databases over which they have responsibility. The IPSC System Administrator shall be responsible for managing the resources of Departments or Agencies who do not have Smart Zone Terminals.